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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was about steady to about steady in the Northeast, generally steady elsewhere. Demand following the extended holiday weekend covered the full range with best interest for refilling needs and fast food promotions. Supplies were mixed, but overall sufficient to satisfy needs. In the parts structure, wings were well cleared and moving well, dark meat was sufficient, and breast items were adequate, closest for tenders. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were light to heavy, but mostly desirable.

**Final report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 09/01/03-09/05/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	54.00-60.00	57.33	15	60.34	32
Chicago	54.00-57.00	57.19	40	59.80	80
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	58.81	27
Denver	73.50	73.50	16	73.17	18
Detroit	56.00	57.20	10	61.64	42
Los Angeles	74.00	72.17	60	70.82	127
New York	57.00-60.00	57.48	23	59.51	49
Philadelphia	57.00-59.00	57.40	10	57.31	21
Pittsburgh	57.00-59.00	57.55	11	63.10	57
St. Louis	56.25-56.50	56.23	24	58.94	48
San Francisco	74.50	73.15	30	77.14	54

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/02/03	Change/Last Wk	08/26/03	09/03/02
555	64.18	0.87	63.31	56.19

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	60.00-63.00	62.07	31
Central	57.00-64.50	61.99	69
West	58.00-67.00	65.30	41
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	67.50-69.00	68.65	81

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 69.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,090	54.00-71.50	66.94

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	205.00	1,317
BREASTS - B/S	202.50	4,672
BREASTS - WHOLE	103.50	1,793
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.00	900
LEG QUARTERS	32.50	8,338
WINGS	79.50	2,741

THIS INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED BY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S POULTRY MARKET NEWS SERVICE.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was about fair following the holiday weekend as dealers assessed the market. Offerings were mixed in availability, but ranged adequate to balanced with the smaller birds in the best position. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair, best for refill activity. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were sufficient. The balance of cuts were clearing well.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand following the extended holiday weekend was slow to fair with mostly refilling needs occurring. Supplies were usually sufficient to closer as a result of reduced holiday schedules. In the parts structure, trading was fair. Wings were balanced to short, and dark meat was no more than adequate with leg quarters aided by export interest. Tenders were in good balance, but the remaining breast items were at least adequate to available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported for this week's deliveries at mainly unchanged prices. Offerings were easily adequate to cover current needs. Buying activity was fair for whole body. Retailer demand was fairly good overall, best for parts. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone on parts was firm drumsticks, barely steady on breast and generally steady on balance of parts. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk 30-32.5 and 4/10s 32.5-36, breast bone-in 93-98 and boneless 169- 181, drumstick 33-46, leg meat 70-72 and wing mainly 77. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .04 to 60.90 with the volume reported down .6 percent to 31 loads.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority delivered prices this week were unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were fully sufficient for the mixed buyer interest. Retail and food service demand was irregular; light to moderate and moderate to good with biggest factor affecting demand was rainy, cool weather. Floor stocks were mixed. Weights desirable. Supplies of wings and tenders were tight, breast items fully adequate and dark meat cuts adequate. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings and tenders, steady on dark meat cuts and about steady on breast items.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds following the holiday weekend was fair to good. Offerings varied by size but were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 57 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Breast items were sufficient for trade needs. Most other items were in good balance and well cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	40-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	60.03
NO. OF BOXES	8,635

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was cautious and selective entering the week as dealers assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were generally sufficient and dark meat cuts ranged balanced to adequate. The balance of cuts were closely cleared. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair, best for refill activity. The market tone was generally steady. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		175-180	179.60	489,400
TENDERLOINS		150	155.50	117,540
BREAST - WITH RIBS		85-86	92.38	152,800
BREAST - LINE RUN		85	87.31	146,000
LEGS		37-38	37.32	354,240
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		27-28	28.28	442,026
DRUMSTICKS		33-34	39.75	121,640
THIGHS		26-27	37.66	70,720
B/S THIGHS		72-73	77.04	48,520
WINGS (WHOLE)		69-70	79.63	164,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.95	24,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		25-30	29.13	12,600
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		35-40	41.23	33,560

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,169	158.00-184.00	168-174	170.34
TENDERLOINS	178	142.00-213.00	-	160.37
BREAST - WITH RIBS	119	91.00-103.00	91-92	94.82
FRONT HALVES	272	71.00-80.00	73-77	75.00
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	462	26.00-28.00	26	26.27
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,185	26.00-29.00	26-28	27.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	NO TRADING REPORTED			
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,606	18.00-31.00	23-26	23.32

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	09/02	08/29	08/29	08/26	08/22
ALA	4,166	4,367	4.94	4,005	4.96
ARK	3,880	5,585	4.69	5,129	4.78
DELMARVA	2,357	2,632	5.20	2,277	5.23
KY-LA-TN	2,010	2,246	4.57	1,993	4.65
MISS	3,042	3,122	5.33	2,913	5.33
NC	2,525	3,614	5.87	2,489	6.01
TEXAS	2,506	2,486	4.93	2,512	6.01
TOTAL	20,486	24,052	5.07	21,318	5.20
MON-TUE	25,974 (A)			42,778 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 02-Sep 2003 is estimated to be 30,650,000 down 4.19 percent from a week ago and down 3.57 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,990,000; last year 31,784,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	917	165.00-238.00	167-171	169.60
TENDERLOINS	222	157.00-217.00	157-160	165.76
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	89.00-112.00	93-95	95.31
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	128	29.00-50.00	32-33	33.40
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	696	26.00-29.00	27	27.10
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,090	29.00-34.00	29-31	30.17
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	70.00-81.00	-	78.30
WINGS (CUT)	321	80.00-87.00	80-82	82.11
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	81	75.00-90.00	-	76.85

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	54.50-57.50	55.75
		55.68

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 01-SEP-2003 TO 05-SEP-2003 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	170.00 - 186.00	170.00 - 180.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	87.00 - 101.00	87.00 - 96.00
LEGS	28.00 - 43.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26.00 - 32.50	28.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	30.00 - 45.00	-
THIGHS	27.00 - 37.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	62.00 - 80.00	66.00 - 71.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	86
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	89-93
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600-625

#### **DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)**

FRESH FRYERS	92-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	100-103
	DRY PACK	107-109
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-105
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	91-98
DUCKS		155-166

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

29-AUG-2003

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.25-19.50	-	876,000	876,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.98			
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-17.00	11.00-17.00	1,844,000	364,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.45	13.06		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	41,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair. Offering were at least adequate. Finished product supplies were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were less than normal due to the holiday. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 01-SEP-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9	8.25-8.5	8.31
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

29-AUG-2003

**CHICKEN** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

**CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED** — PRICES — VOLUME —  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	16.00-17.00	162,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	16.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-20.00	11.00-15.00	1,896,800	1,020,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.50	13.19		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-SEP-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.5	8-8.75	8.646

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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